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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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RUBY FREEMAN, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

RUDY GIULIANI,

Defendant.

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Civil Action No. 21-3354
Monday, December 13, 2023
1:21 p.m.

TRANSCRIPT OF JURY TRIAL - AFTERNOON SESSION
HELD BEFORE THE HONORABLE BERYL A. HOWELL
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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Excerpted

1 A. So a \$5 million to \$8 million plan run over ten days
2 would cost more than, let's say, a million dollars a week,
3 probably \$2 million a week actually.

4 If you were to run this kind of campaign on the
5 scale needed in this case, it would cost -- let's say a
6 million times 52 weeks for a year, and that would be \$52
7 million.

8 MR. GOTTLIEB: Thank you, Dr. Humphreys. No
9 further questions.

10 THE COURT: Okay. You're excused, Dr. Humphreys.

11 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

12 THE COURT: And the plaintiffs' next witness.

13 MS. GOVERNSKI: Your Honor, the plaintiffs call
14 Ruby Freeman.

15 THE COURT: Good afternoon, Ms. Freeman.

16 Mark, could you clear the things off the desk.

17 THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: Sure, Your Honor.

18 THE COURT: I don't want you to be crowded over
19 there, Ms. Freeman.

20 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

21 (Witness sworn)

22 MS. GOVERNSKI: Your Honor, before we begin, I'd
23 like to batch in certain documents that I intend to
24 reference during Ms. Freeman's exam.

25 THE COURT: And, Ms. Freeman, I know that chair

1 can go back really far, but you might have to lean forward.
2 Pull the microphone over to you -- it's moveable -- so we
3 can hear you when you start speaking.

4 Okay. Now, for the exhibits?

5 MS. GOVERNSKI: Your Honor, pursuant to the
6 parties' stipulation and agreement and with the Court's
7 permission, I move to admit the following exhibits to which
8 Defendant Giuliani has not asserted any objections: PTX 27,
9 142 through 146, 149 through 150, 394, 404, 416 through 420,
10 423, 499, 502, 510, 570, and 571.

11 I would note, Your Honor, that 510, 570 and 5 --

12 THE COURT: Slow down just one second.

13 MS. GOVERNSKI: Yes, ma'am.

14 THE COURT: Say that again. 510 and what?

15 MS. GOVERNSKI: 570 and 571. And I would note
16 that 510, 570, and 571 are hard-copy exhibits.

17 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Sibley, do you need a
18 second to check on those numbers?

19 MR. SIBLEY: It looks like it was what we
20 stipulated to last night. I have no objection, Your Honor.

21 THE COURT: All right. Hearing no objection, all
22 those numbers will be admitted.

23 MS. GOVERNSKI: Thank you, Your Honor.

24 I also would note that I intend to use the
25 following exhibits which have already been admitted: PTX 1,

1 11, 12, 165A, 237, and 575.

2 THE COURT: Okay.

3 (Pause)

4 THE COURT: Oh, please proceed. Sorry about that.

5 MS. GOVERNSKI: Thank you.

6 RUBY FREEMAN, Sworn

7 DIRECT EXAMINATION

8 BY MR. GOVERNSKI:

9 Q. Good afternoon.

10 A. Good afternoon.

11 Q. Can you please state your name for the record.

12 A. Ruby Freeman.

13 Q. Ms. Freeman, would you please introduce yourself to the
14 jury.

15 A. Good afternoon. I am Lady Ruby. I am a mother, a
16 grandmother. I'm a daughter. I'm a proud American citizen.
17 I am a Christian. I have a traveling boutique by the name
18 of LaRuby's Unique Treasures.

19 Q. Ms. Freeman, what does the name "Lady Ruby" mean to you?

20 A. Lady Ruby was special. It meant classy, unique. I'm a
21 lady.

22 Q. Do you still go by the name "Lady Ruby"?

23 A. No, I don't. I can't use my name anymore, so I'm no
24 longer Lady Ruby.

25 Sometimes I don't know who I am.

1 Q. Ms. Freeman, what about your last name? Can you tell us
2 any of the symbolism of your last name?

3 A. I found out that "Freeman" was the name that the slaves
4 chose to keep instead of taking on a slave master name, so I
5 was always -- I liked that because it meant I was a free
6 person. I'm a free man, Freeman.

7 Q. Ms. Freeman, where did you grow up?

8 A. I grew up in South Georgia; Douglas, Georgia.

9 Q. And who raised you?

10 A. I called her Mama, which was my grandmamma. Yeah. She
11 raised me.

12 Q. What was Mama like?

13 A. Mama was strict. In the South, you know. Mama worked
14 for a family ironing clothes. She also worked in the
15 tobacco field. She was very protective. I was like her
16 youngest because my mom was in school, so she was Mama.

17 Q. What did you do for fun as a child?

18 A. Mama made candy for me. She would make candy, and we
19 would color it different food colors, you know, and I would
20 take it to school and sell it. And I would come home and
21 say, "Mama, everybody don't have a nickel. Can we sell some
22 for a penny or three cents?" you know.

23 And she made doughnuts, canned biscuits, and she
24 had a pill bottle, and she would put the -- you know, make
25 the hole, you know, from the pill bottles. And that was

1 like doughnuts now.

2 But I ate those. I didn't sell any of those.

3 Q. You mentioned candy. I'm just wondering why the memory
4 of candy triggered a memory for you.

5 A. Candy was always -- has always been a part of my life it
6 seems like, you know. We had candy, and my mom grew up
7 later giving us candy in our stockings, and so then I always
8 took on to having, you know, candy, like a ginger mint,
9 candy.

10 Q. You mentioned a ginger mint. I'm holding up what has
11 been admitted as PTX 510.

12 Ms. Freeman, what is this?

13 A. It's a ginger mint.

14 Q. And what are ginger mints?

15 A. Ginger mints is a -- it's a mint that has a ginger taste
16 to it, and I always use it -- especially in the pandemic,
17 you know, everybody coughs or sneezes. It's like, you know,
18 "Get a ginger mint," because I felt like it was healthy and
19 it was something soothing. And it was a ginger mint.

20 Q. Ms. Freeman, I noticed ginger mints over at counsel
21 table. You brought some here with you today?

22 A. Oh, yeah, I brought ginger mints. And I know that Your
23 Honor was coughing yesterday. I wanted to give her one so
24 bad.

25 THE COURT: I know I might need this one.

1 A. You know, so ginger mints are what I give everybody.
2 And even in the boutique, I would put one in their bag when
3 they'd shop with me. Just a ginger mint.

4 Q. Ms. Freeman, if we could go back to your childhood a
5 little bit.

6 Could you tell me a little bit about school.

7 A. Well, it was segregated. It was first through twelfth
8 grade. And I think around the sixth grade it became
9 integrated, so we moved from one school to another school.
10 And I was there for two years.

11 And then we went on to high school. I was there
12 just for the ninth and tenth grade, and that was -- it was a
13 challenging year, but yeah. I went there.

14 Q. You mentioned that at some point you left your
15 segregated school to go to a school that was integrated; is
16 that right?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. How was that transition for you?

19 A. It was hard. It was different, you know, because of
20 course we was with white students now.

21 And I remember one incidence. It was -- it was a
22 set of twins, and they were white. And I don't know what
23 brought it on, but they called me the N word, and I remember
24 that I never heard it like that.

25 You know, of course, we saw Martin Luther King

1 stuff, but I'd never been called that or really heard it
2 being used because we were Christians. Mama didn't use
3 those words, so -- and I went home and I told Mama, and she
4 said, "Just stay away from them."

5 Q. And is that a lesson that you've taken with you
6 throughout your life?

7 A. Yes. People that have the audacity to call you the N
8 word, you just don't associate with them at all.

9 Q. And you mentioned high school. Where did you finish
10 high -- or did you finish high school?

11 A. I moved to Atlanta in the Metro Atlanta area, and I
12 finished high school, yes, in East Atlanta.

13 Q. And what type of work did you do after you graduated
14 from high school?

15 A. When I graduated from high school, I went to work for
16 this law firm. And my assignment was to make sure the files
17 were signed before they took them out, you know. So this
18 man came in and he got a file, and he was reading it and
19 just slowly walking out and reading.

20 And I was like, "Excuse me. Can you sign the
21 book?"

22 And he was looking at me. I said, "You have to
23 sign the book before you can take them out."

24 And he signed it, and he walked out. And then
25 later I found out that he was Mr. Spalding of King &

1 Spalding law firm, so I was like, Well, he should have known
2 to sign for it. He made the rules.

3 Q. Would you have done anything different if you had known
4 who he was?

5 A. No, because you go by the rules. The rule is to sign
6 the book, so you sign the book.

7 Q. Ms. Freeman, did there come a time when you started to
8 sell clothing?

9 A. Yes. I started selling clothing in 1987. I was a
10 street vendor for Atlanta Fulton County Stadium at that
11 time, and it was the Atlanta Braves when we went from the
12 worst to the first, and I did the World Series and then I --
13 the next year I did the Olympics, and yeah.

14 Q. Did you enjoy selling clothing?

15 A. Yes, I enjoyed selling clothing. I had unique -- I had
16 the official merchandise, so people bought -- they got used
17 to me. They would come to the games, and they would look
18 for me.

19 And some of the baseball players and the batting
20 coaches, they would come and shop with me because they knew
21 I had the merchandise that they had inside the stadium, but
22 they were less expensive. So I was known to have the good
23 stuff.

24 Q. What did you like about selling clothing?

25 A. I got to talk to people. They would come from all over,

1 and sometimes the guys would come.

2 The woman might not want to go in the game, and
3 they would stay out with me, and they talked, and we talked,
4 and they would share some of their private moments with me.
5 And we would pray. We would talk. They just got to know
6 me. They knew me as the person that they could sit with.

7 And I don't know if you've ever been in the
8 stadium, but there's only one restaurant there, and that was
9 the Kentucky Fried Chicken. And they would say, "Well, you
10 want us to watch your table while you go to the restaurant
11 to get something?"

12 So it was always special that they knew that they
13 was going to come to the game and they was going to watch my
14 stuff while I go to the restaurant. It was just fun getting
15 to know the people.

16 Q. And you mentioned that you started your own boutique.
17 Tell us a little bit about that.

18 A. Yeah, so after the Olympics, and so now there is no
19 more -- it's not unique anymore because at that time nobody
20 was really selling Braves merchandise or Olympics
21 merchandise. It was just -- but now everybody has it, so it
22 was like okay, that season is over.

23 And then later I started working selling clothes
24 and LaRuby's Unique Treasures, and I always had -- because I
25 remembered the stadium stuff. So I had good-quality, unique

1 clothing. I did a lot of -- most people call them trade
2 shows, but to me they was church conventions or people
3 that's in the limelight, you know, that wanted fashion. So
4 I enjoyed that.

5 Q. Did you have a brick and mortar?

6 A. No. That was my goal. My goal was to have a brick and
7 mortar.

8 Yeah, but of course I can't do that now. I can't
9 do the brick and mortar because I can't use my name anymore,
10 so I can't advertise Lady Ruby. It's just -- yeah, so I
11 can't do that.

12 Q. We'll get back to that.

13 Ms. Freeman, when did you have your daughter, the
14 fellow plaintiff in this case, Ms. Moss?

15 A. Shaye was born in 1984.

16 Q. And where did you live throughout Ms. Moss's childhood?

17 A. We moved throughout the Metro Atlanta area, and then we
18 ended up in Cobb County, a known address in Powder Springs,
19 Georgia; 5201 Memorial Lane, Powder Springs, Georgia.

20 Q. And you referenced Memorial Lane. Was that your street?

21 A. That was the street I lived on, 20 -- at 20, 22 years.

22 Q. Can you tell us a little bit about that neighborhood.

23 A. I lived in a nice neighborhood. It was quiet. It was
24 multiracial. It was -- everybody minded their own business.

25 And because I was in the little area, about like a five-

1 house radius, I was the only single woman, so they watched
2 out for me. At that time they knew I had the big 14-foot-
3 long truck, so they watched out for me.

4 I knew people in my neighborhood. I got to know
5 the cleaners. I had certain cleaners. The grocery store.
6 You know, it was a good neighborhood. I enjoyed it.

7 Q. And you said you had lived there for how long?

8 A. I moved there in 2000.

9 Q. And at some point did your daughter, Ms. Moss, go to
10 college?

11 A. Yes. Shaye left and went to college in 2022, 2021.
12 Yes, she went on to college, and she graduated from college,
13 and she came home and blessed me with a grandson, yeah.

14 Q. You said 2021?

15 A. 2001, sorry.

16 Q. 2001. Thank you, just to clear our record.

17 And what did Ms. Moss do after college?

18 A. She started working at the Fulton County voters
19 registration and election.

20 Q. And you also -- did you have a history of working for
21 Fulton County?

22 A. Yes. I worked for Fulton County Police Department for
23 11 years, and then I went on to work for Fulton County 911
24 for eight years.

25 Q. Ms. Freeman, did there come a time when you decided to

1 help Fulton County with the 2020 presidential election?

2 A. Yes, I did. 2020, I think it was like October.

3 Q. And why did you decide to do that?

4 A. Well, when I worked at the police department and for
5 911, Fulton County was always special to me. You know,
6 that's -- they were special. I really enjoyed working with
7 them.

8 And so I would always say -- well, when it was
9 time for the election, I said, You know what? When I worked
10 there before, I remember the secretary of state at that
11 time. You know, they would always say that Fulton County
12 was -- well, it was a big county, the last one to get the
13 ballots and everything in, and it was just taking so long.

14 I said, You know what? I can do this. I'm going
15 to go and help. You know, they mean something to me. I'm
16 going to go and help Fulton County out.

17 Q. How much, if any, role did politics have on your
18 decision to help Fulton County in the presidential election?

19 A. Politics, no. I mean, you know, you vote. You
20 definitely had to vote because we finally earned the right
21 as blacks to vote, and then being a woman. So you vote.

22 But politics, no.

23 Q. You don't consider yourself a political person?

24 A. No.

25 Q. You mentioned that the job started in October of 2020?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Where did you work when you started October 2020?

3 A. The Fulton County Government Center.

4 Q. And while you were working at the Fulton County
5 Government Center in October 2020, did you ever check which
6 candidates were marked on the ballots?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Could you have?

9 A. No.

10 Q. Why not?

11 A. The ballots were in the envelope.

12 Q. So at the Government Center in Fulton County, the
13 ballots were sealed when you dealt with them?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And did there come a time when you started working at a
16 location other than the government counting center?

17 A. Yes. I went on to State Farm Arena.

18 Q. And when was that?

19 A. About a week -- a couple of days before the election.

20 Q. And when you say "before the election," is that the --

21 A. The 2020 election, I'm sorry. It was in November.

22 Q. November 3, 2020?

23 A. Probably so, yes.

24 Q. Ms. Freeman, when you were working at the State Farm
25 Arena in connection with the 2020 presidential election, did

1 you ever look at the ballots, how they were marked?

2 A. No.

3 Q. And, Ms. Freeman, did you work out of the State Farm
4 Arena on Election Day?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And you also worked at the Fulton County arena the days
7 up to Election Day?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. How were the days up to the election and Election Day
10 different, if they were in any way?

11 A. The only difference on Election Day, it was people
12 everywhere. There were cameras. There was reporters,
13 observers. It was just a very busy day.

14 Q. Was the work itself different?

15 A. No. I did the same thing.

16 Q. Ms. Freeman, did anything particularly memorable happen
17 in November 2020 after Election Day?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Did there come a point in time when that changed?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. When was that?

22 A. December 3rd, that night, going into December 4th, early
23 morning.

24 MS. GOVERNSKI: I'd like to pull up PTX 237, which
25 has been previously admitted.

1 Permission to publish to the jury?

2 THE COURT: You may publish.

3 BY MR. GOVERNSKI:

4 Q. Ms. Freeman, do you see what's on your screen?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. It looks like this is a Tweet from Defendant Rudy
7 Giuliani on December 3, 2020, at 2:49 p.m.?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Does Mr. Giuliani's Tweet on this day and at this time
10 have any significance to you?

11 A. Yes. That's when the first video came out, yes.

12 Q. And, Ms. Freeman, what happened to you in your personal
13 life after this December 3, 2020, Tweet?

14 A. After that, like I said, that morning of the 4th, I just
15 start getting phone calls, text messages, emails. The phone
16 was just going crazy, just a lot.

17 MS. GOVERSKI: I'd like to pull up on the screen
18 Exhibit 165A, which also has been previously admitted. And
19 I would request permission to publish to the jury.

20 THE COURT: Yes, you may publish.

21 Q. Ms. Freeman, you can see it on your screen as well, if
22 that's helpful.

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Do you recognize what this is?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. What is this?

2 A. This is an email dated December the 4th at 2:58 a.m.

3 Q. And when you said that you started receiving various
4 communications into the evening, December 3rd into the 4th,
5 is this what you were referring to?

6 A. Yes, ma'am.

7 Q. If I could please ask you to turn the page to the
8 document with the Bates -- I'm sorry, 165A with the Bates
9 number that ends in 003.

10 You should see it on your screen as well,
11 Ms. Freeman.

12 And you'll see this is an email that you received
13 on December 4th at 3:14 a.m.; is that right?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Ms. Freeman, the top of this, the substance of this
16 email states: Someone's Interested in LaRuby's Unique
17 Treasures?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. What does LaRuby's Unique Treasures mean to you in the
20 context of this communication?

21 A. This is the name of my boutique, so I just assumed it
22 was someone interested in buying merchandise.

23 MS. GOVERNSKI: And if we can please pull up the
24 content of this message, which I'm not going to read in the
25 record given the profanity, and I apologize to the jury and

1 the Court for the language that we'll be seeing in the next
2 few moments.

3 BY MS. GOVERNSKI:

4 Q. Ms. Freeman, when you read this message, did you believe
5 this individual was interested in LaRuby's Unique Treasures?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Ms. Freeman, before December 3rd or 4th, had you ever in
8 your life received a message like this before?

9 A. No.

10 Q. Before December 3rd or 4th, had you ever in your life
11 been called the words in this email?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Had you ever been called a criminal and a felon?

14 A. No.

15 Q. Had you ever been accused of treason?

16 A. No.

17 MS. GOVERNSKI: If we can please put up on the
18 screen the page from the same exhibit, PTX 165A, that ends
19 in 320.

20 Q. Ms. Freeman, is this another message that you received
21 via LaRuby's Unique Treasures?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. I'm also not going to read the full text to the jury,
24 but if we look at the first line, it says, "You are dead.

25 Your family and you are now criminals and traitors to the

1 union. BLM wants the cops to go away, good. They are in
2 the way of my ropes and your tree!"

3 Do the phrases "ropes" and "tree" have any meaning
4 to you?

5 A. Yes. I took it as though they were going to hang me
6 with their ropes on my trees.

7 MS. GOVERNSKI: And if we can look in the
8 second-to-last sentence where it says, "Kill yourself now so
9 we can save AMNO!" and then proceeds on to repeat various
10 profanities that I'll spare the Court.

11 Q. Ms. Freeman, have you at any time used this type of
12 language with anyone?

13 A. No.

14 Q. And why not?

15 A. That's just not a part of my character. I don't say
16 stuff like that.

17 Q. I'm going to look at one -- a few more, please.

18 MS. GOVERNSKI: If we could turn to 379 of the
19 same exhibit.

20 Q. Ms. Freeman, can you please tell the jury who this
21 communication was from and the email address that was used?

22 A. It said from the Grand Wizard, kkk@protonmail.

23 Q. What, if anything, do those terms mean to you?

24 A. Grand Wizard, Ku Klux Klan, you know. I thought, Wow,
25 I'm getting an email from -- whether it was true or not, I

1 saw that it said Grand Wizard, KKK.

2 You don't mess with the KKK. That's like --
3 living in Georgia, it's like that's a side of town you
4 didn't go to and you didn't -- you know, so to get an email
5 from that was horrible.

6 Q. And you see it says, "We are coming for you and your
7 family! Ms. Ruby, safest place for you right now is in
8 prison. Or you will swing from the trees."

9 A. Yeah.

10 Q. Ms. Freeman, I'm wondering if you had any reaction to
11 their use of your name, Ruby, in this message?

12 A. So it's like, okay, you're calling me by my name, so how
13 you -- you got my name.

14 Q. How do you think they got your name?

15 A. Huh?

16 Q. I'm sorry?

17 A. What did you say?

18 Q. I didn't mean to interrupt.

19 A. No. What did you say?

20 Q. How do you think they got your name?

21 A. From the business name from -- I had a -- I had a T-
22 shirt on that night. I had one in every color because it's
23 my business, you know, Lady Ruby's. So that was like my
24 uniform. I had all the colors. And so I had it on for
25 election night, you know, Lady Ruby, blinged out.

1 So they had my name.

2 Q. And when you refer -- you were wearing a shirt on
3 election night when you were working at the State Farm
4 Arena?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And we had earlier talked about the State Farm Arena
7 video.

8 A. Uh-huh.

9 Q. Were you wearing the shirt in that video?

10 A. Yes.

11 MS. GOVERNSKI: If we could please turn to 395 in
12 the same exhibit, 165A.

13 Q. Ms. Freeman, I'll direct your attention to the first
14 sentence, which states your full name. "Ruby Freeman, I
15 hope the Federal Government hangs you and your daughter from
16 the Capitol dome. I pray that I will be sitting close
17 enough to hear your necks snap!"

18 Do you recall your reaction to receiving this
19 message?

20 A. Yes. It was like you have my full name now, and you
21 want the federal government to hang me and my daughter from
22 the Capitol dome, and you hate us so bad that you want to
23 hear our necks snap.

24 Q. Did you only receive messages like this to LaRuby's
25 Unique Treasures?

1 A. No. I received messages from all forms of social media,
2 personal email, text messages, voicemails.

3 I had LinkedIn, and they got so many that they
4 disconnected me from being on LinkedIn.

5 It was just everywhere. I got letters in the mail
6 because they got my address. Now they got -- you know, you
7 can put your name in and find out where you live, so now
8 they have my address.

9 THE COURT: Ms. Freeman, could you just move that
10 microphone closer to you. Thank you.

11 THE WITNESS: Okay.

12 BY MS. GOVERNSKI:

13 Q. Ms. Freeman, how many communications like the ones we've
14 talked about did you receive?

15 A. Hundreds. Hundreds. I received so many on my phone
16 that at one time my phone crashed. It just died.

17 MS. GOVERNSKI: If we can go to 287, please.

18 Ms. Freeman, where do you receive these messages?

19 A. This is on Instagram.

20 Q. If I could please direct your attention to the comment
21 on 288 from -- that you see on the screen. Would you mind
22 reading this comment to the jury starting with the words "Go
23 after"?

24 A. It says, "Go after Ruby Freeman, the owner of
25 Ruby_Unique Treasures. She's the lady in the purple shirt

1 from the video where she took ballots out of the suitcase.
2 Lock her up."

3 Q. And the lady in the purple shirt?

4 A. That was me.

5 Q. That was you?

6 MS. GOVERNSKI: We can go to Page 18, please.

7 Q. Ms. Freeman, can you tell where you received this
8 message?

9 A. Messenger, Facebook Messenger.

10 Q. And if I can direct your attention to the second
11 sentence at the end, it says, "You better get on the phone
12 with Uncle Rudy Giuliani and cut a deal. It might keep u
13 out of the big house."

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Do you recall having an impression of the reference in
16 this email to the defendant in this case, Rudy Giuliani?

17 A. Yes. That was -- I went back to that -- the video, that
18 Tweet that was -- that Rudy Giuliani sent out to his
19 millions of followers about me at State Farm Arena, and it
20 was like, Get in touch with him. Maybe he can keep you out
21 of prison.

22 Q. And that's the Tweet that we looked at --

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. -- a few moments ago, PTX 237?

25 A. I think that's the name of it, yes.

1 MS. GOVERNSKI: If we can go, please, to Page 90
2 of 279A.

3 Sorry. Back up, Mr. Spalding. Yes, right here.

4 BY MS. GOVERNSKI:

5 Q. Ms. Freeman, can you please read the substance of this
6 text message to the jury?

7 A. It says, "We know.

8 "Where.

9 "U.

10 "Sleep."

11 Q. And how did you receive this message?

12 A. This came in through text message.

13 Q. A text message to your personal phone?

14 A. Yes, yes.

15 MS. GOVERNSKI: And if we can go to the next page,
16 Mr. Spalding, please.

17 Q. Ms. Freeman, can you please read this -- was this a text
18 message also?

19 A. Yes, this is a text message.

20 Q. Can you please read to the jury the language starting
21 with "They are coming for you"?

22 A. It says, "They are coming for you. I'm not far behind.
23 I'm coming for you also. Trash will be taken to the street
24 in bags."

25 I'm sorry.

1 Q. What, if any, meaning did you take from the last
2 sentence, "Trash will be taken to the street in bags"?

3 A. I took it as though they were going to cut me up and put
4 me in the trash bags and take it out to my street.

5 Q. And your street at that point was Memorial Lane?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And you talked about receiving letters to your home?

8 A. Yes.

9 MS. GOVERNSKI: Your Honor, I plan to use PTX 570
10 and 571, which are two of the physical exhibits that you
11 admitted. I would ask permission to approach the witness.

12 THE COURT: Yes, you may.

13 BY MS. GOVERNKSI:

14 Q. Ms. Freeman, let's start with the top document that I
15 handed you. Can you open that and explain to the jury what
16 it is?

17 MS. GOVERNSKI: And, Mr. Spalding, we can take
18 this down from the screen.

19 A. It was a letter, something like I got in the mail on
20 December the 7th, 2020. It said, "LaRuby, you are one
21 ignorant cheaten lying fat ugly N word. Black people don't
22 do like you did."

23 MS. GOVERNSKI: Let's put 165A back on the screen,
24 which has just been admitted, and we have a scanned version
25 of this contained within that document.

1 If we can go to the -- right.

2 BY MS. GOVERNSKI:

3 Q. Ms. Freeman, is this the document that you just read to
4 the jury?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And this was sent to your personal residence?

7 A. Yes, 5201 Memorial Lane.

8 Q. Would you mind opening the next envelope and describing
9 it to the jury.

10 A. Yes. This is another letter that I got on December 22nd
11 at my home address, 5201 Memorial Lane.

12 Q. How would you describe it?

13 A. When I saw it, it looked like a demonic monkey, and it
14 said "LaRuby's father."

15 MS. GOVERNSKI: And for clarity of the record, on
16 the screen right now we're seeing 165A at Page 2526.

17 Mr. Spalding, can you go to the next page.

18 Q. Ms. Freeman, is this the image that's on the second
19 document that is in front of you?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. It's a little bit difficult to see on the screen. Can
22 you try to describe --

23 A. I had to really look at it because I didn't know what it
24 was, and then I realized -- I realized that it was roadkill
25 on the side of the street, on the curb, with a balloon

1 saying "Get Well Soon."

2 I took it as they were going to kill me like
3 roadkill and put me on the side of the street.

4 Q. Can you try to explain to the jury what it felt like to
5 receive messages like this mailed to you at your home.

6 A. I felt horrible. I felt I was terrorized. I was -- I
7 was scared.

8 Now I don't know. You know, I'm just scared like
9 people are coming to kill me. They got my address. You
10 know, you saw they had my phone number. They had my name.
11 I just -- I was always scared.

12 Q. Ms. Freeman, you mentioned that you received voicemails
13 as well; is that right?

14 A. Yes. I got a lot of voicemails.

15 MS. GOVERNSKI: We've already admitted PTX 149 and
16 150. I would like permission to play PTX 150 for the jury.

17 THE COURT: You may.

18 MS. GOVERNSKI: And I warn that this will be
19 difficult to listen to.

20 (Audio played)

21 BY MS. GOVERNSKI:

22 Q. Ms. Freeman, do you remember receiving this?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Can you explain your reaction?

25 A. I thought it was horrible. People calling me saying

1 stuff like this about me and my daughter. I thought it was
2 just racist. Scary. Horrible. Horrible part of my life.

3 Q. And this wasn't the only voice message you received, was
4 it?

5 A. No. I received several.

6 MS. GOVERNSKI: If we can please pull up PTX 142,
7 which has been admitted.

8 Permission to publish to the jury?

9 THE COURT: It may be published.

10 Q. Ms. Freeman, if you can look at your screen, what are we
11 looking at here?

12 A. Voicemail. There was three of them back to back.

13 Q. So these are three back-to-back voicemails from December
14 6, 2020?

15 A. Yes, from the same number, and person.

16 Q. And it says at 13:53, so 1:53, 1:55, and 15:58; is that
17 right?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. In the afternoon?

20 A. Yes.

21 MS. GOVERNSKI: I'd like to play these one by one.
22 And the same warning, that they'll be difficult to listen
23 to.

24 THE COURT: And this is Exhibit 142, correct?

25 MS. GOVERNSKI: Oh, Your Honor, thank you.

1 THE COURT: Is it?

2 MS. GOVERNSKI: This is 142. The voicemails are
3 separate exhibits. They're 143, 144, and 145.

4 THE COURT: Okay. Mark, do you have 143?

5 THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: Yes, I have them. I have
6 them, yes.

7 MS. GOVERNSKI: Thank you, Your Honor. Permission
8 to play them?

9 THE COURT: Yes, you may.

10 MS. GOVERNSKI: Let's start, Mr. Spalding, with
11 143.

12 (Audio played)

13 MS. GOVERNSKI: And let's go to 144.

14 (Audio played)

15 MS. GOVERNSKI: And 145, please.

16 (Audio played)

17 BY MS. GOVERNSKI:

18 Q. I'm sorry, Ms. Freeman. Can you explain what it felt
19 like to receive these messages.

20 A. It was horrible. I couldn't believe, you know, I'm
21 getting all these messages, you know, all these voicemails,
22 because I wasn't answering the phone at this point. And I
23 just -- a lot of racist people out there who just really
24 don't like me.

25 And it started with this one person that just

1 started everything, and now seems like half the world is
2 against me, you know, because they think I did something.

3 I didn't do nothing.

4 Q. Did you report these threats to the police?

5 A. Yes, I did, on December 4th. I went to the police
6 department, and I reported it.

7 Q. What do you remember about that meeting?

8 A. Well, the Fulton County Government Center is inside --
9 it's the city of Atlanta, but because Fulton County Police
10 Department is in there -- and I went to them. I guess I
11 felt close to them because I had worked with Fulton County,
12 so I went there.

13 And we went in the back, and my phone just kept
14 ringing. And I was telling the lieutenant that I was
15 receiving all these messages and -- you know, about working
16 with the elections. And the phone just kept ringing and
17 ringing.

18 And she got my phone and she started answering it,
19 and, you know, she would say, "Who is this?" You know,
20 "Talk to me." You know, "Come and get me," you know,
21 because they were saying, "We're coming to get you."

22 And she made a police report, and she told me when
23 I got home that Cobb County is to make -- call the police
24 and make a report so they will have it.

25 Q. Just so I understand your testimony, while you were

1 meeting with the police, your cell phone kept ringing with
2 people making those threats?

3 A. Yes, because that was still -- that was on the 4th, so
4 the phone was still -- it was just ringing off -- just
5 ringing, ringing, ringing, you know, all day, all morning.
6 It started early that morning. So it was just ringing
7 nonstop, just ringing.

8 And so she told me, you know -- after I left she
9 told me -- before I left she told me once I left out of
10 there, just turn the phone off. You know, just turn it off.
11 And that's what I did. I turned it off.

12 Q. And did there come a time when you called the police for
13 help?

14 A. Yes. When I got home, I called the police. They came
15 out, and they made a police report.

16 And then later, the next day I think it was, I
17 called the police out.

18 Q. The next day being January 5th?

19 A. December --

20 Q. I mean -- I'm sorry -- December 5, 2020?

21 A. December 5th, yes. I called them because people start
22 coming to the house with bullhorns and -- you know, and --
23 you know, they was just coming to get me.

24 Q. Ms. Freeman, just so I can make sure that the record is
25 clear since I messed up the date, you were saying you called

1 the police on December 5, 2020; is that right?

2 A. I first called the police on December 4th when I came
3 home from the police department for Fulton County.

4 Q. And then the next day?

5 A. And then the next day, yeah, people started coming to
6 the house.

7 MS. GOVERNSKI: Your Honor, I'd like to play PTX
8 423, which is the 911 call that's been admitted into
9 evidence.

10 THE COURT: You may publish.

11 MS. GOVERNSKI: Mr. Spalding, would you please
12 play PTX 423 from 1:49 to 2:36.

13 (Audio played)

14 BY MS. GOVERNSKI:

15 Q. You were saying they're banging on the door; is that
16 right?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Do you remember how you felt at the moment when you were
19 calling police on this call?

20 A. I was scared. I was scared because now not only am I
21 getting phone calls and emails and stuff, now you're
22 actually coming to the house.

23 And I was just scared. I was scared because I
24 didn't know -- you know, they're coming to kill me. I was
25 just scared. I was scared.

1 Q. On that call you used the word "terroristic threats."

2 I'm just wondering why?

3 A. Because I was terrorized, so that was my best
4 description. I was terrorized. I felt terrible. It was
5 just -- it was horrible. It was just horrible.

6 Q. Did there come a time when things quieted down a little
7 bit?

8 A. Yes. It got quiet about the second week of December
9 around about. It got quiet. And before Christmas.

10 Q. Did things stay quiet?

11 A. No. It got -- it got crazy again around January the
12 4th; 3rd, 4th.

13 MS. GOVERNSKI: Your Honor, I'd like to put PTX 1
14 on the screen, which has been admitted.

15 THE COURT: Yes, it may be published.

16 BY MS. GOVERNSKI:

17 Q. Ms. Freeman, do you recognize this document?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. What is this?

20 A. It's the Strategic Communications Plan, Giuliani
21 Presidential Legal Defense Team. It was dated December --
22 the timeline was December 27th through January 6th.

23 Q. And that's right around the time when you just --

24 A. Yeah.

25 Q. -- were stating that things got crazy again for you?

1 A. Yeah.

2 MS. GOVERNSKI: If we can please, Mr. Spalding, go
3 to Page 20.

4 Q. And you can see at the bottom it says Georgia Suitcase
5 Gate, Video of Ballot Stuffing?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Do you have any impression of the term "video" and the
8 terms "ballot stuffing"?

9 A. It was the video that Giuliani had Tweeted out to his
10 millions of followers in that first video that we saw.

11 Q. And when you refer to that first Tweet, you're talking
12 about that December 3rd Tweet that we mentioned earlier?

13 A. Yes, yes. Me with the purple shirt.

14 THE COURT: I'm just going to step over here.

15 THE WITNESS: Shoot.

16 THE COURT: I want you to lean it over that way.

17 THE WITNESS: Okay. Is that better? Okay.

18 MS. GOVERNSKI: Thank you, Your Honor.

19 BY MS. GOVERNSKI:

20 Q. Ms. Freeman, you see your name referenced there in the
21 third-to-last sentence?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. It says "Ruby Freeman (woman in purple shirt on video)."

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And the reference to "woman in purple shirt on video" is

1 to that shirt you described earlier to the jury?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And you see it says, "Ruby Freeman (woman in purple
4 shirt on video), now under arrest," and then at the end it
5 has brackets and in italics *need confirmation of arrest and*
6 *evidence*.

7 Do you see that?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Ms. Freeman, were you ever arrested in connection with
10 the 2020 presidential election?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Have you ever been arrested?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Is anything about this sentence true?

15 A. No.

16 Q. And what was your reaction to seeing your name in the
17 Giuliani Strategic Communications Plan?

18 A. When I saw this, it took me back to when it first came
19 out that I had did something. I always -- I felt that this
20 was a plan. This was a plan from the beginning that if No.
21 45 didn't win, then they had already set this plan up, and
22 now that my name is on my -- on a shirt, they can fill me in
23 the spaces to this plan they already had put in order. This
24 was what they were going to do.

25 So now they've got my name, and they put me. They

1 filled in the blanks with my name and my business, because I
2 had a little -- you know, it was LaRuby's Unique Treasures,
3 so I'm the culprit.

4 Q. What was that last word you said?

5 A. Culprit. That may not be the right word.

6 Q. Ms. Freeman, when you refer to 45, who are you referring
7 to?

8 A. Former president.

9 Q. President --

10 A. I don't even like to call his name, yeah.

11 Q. Former President Trump?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Did there come a time in January that you learned about
14 former President Trump using your name?

15 A. Yes, I did.

16 Q. How so?

17 A. I heard the conversation when he called
18 Mr. Raffensperger, Secretary of State for Fulton County,
19 City of Atlanta.

20 Q. And he said that name on your call?

21 A. Yes, several times. I think they said over 18 times.
22 The conversation lasted over an hour with him talking about
23 me stealing the ballots.

24 Q. That's former President Trump using your name, Ruby
25 Freeman, 18 times?

1 A. Yes.

2 MS. GOVERNSKI: Your Honor, we've already admitted
3 PTX 11, 12, and 575. I'd like permission to play part of
4 PTX 11 to the jury.

5 THE COURT: You may publish.

6 MS. GOVERNSKI: Mr. Spalding, can you please play
7 PTX 111 at 4:04 to 4:22.

8 (Audio played)

9 BY MS. GOVERNSKI:

10 Q. Ms. Freeman, how did it feel to hear the most powerful
11 person on earth say your name?

12 A. I just felt like really? Is this the former president
13 talking about me? Me? How mean. How evil.

14 I just was devastated. I just -- me? I didn't do
15 nothing. It just made me feel like he really don't care.
16 You all are just trying to execute your plan. You don't
17 care that I'm a real person. I'm just a real person, and I
18 didn't do anything.

19 MS. GOVERNSKI: Mr. Spalding, let's play 21:12 to
20 21:47.

21 (Audio played)

22 BY MS. GOVERNSKI:

23 Q. Ms. Freeman, do you have any reaction to hearing former
24 President Trump use the terms "ballot stuffing"?

25 A. He didn't know what he was talking about really. And we

1 were stuffing ballots in suitcases.

2 He had no clue what he was talking about. He was
3 just trying to put a name with somebody stealing ballots,
4 which was totally a lie.

5 Q. And is that the same language, "stuffing ballots," that
6 we just saw in the strategic plan?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And what is your reaction to hearing former President
9 Trump saying that the term "Where's Ruby?" was trending
10 online?

11 A. No, I felt -- once again, I felt bad. I felt horrible.
12 I'm getting all the death threats. I'm getting all this
13 mail. I'm just -- people talking about they're coming to
14 get me.

15 And by him saying "Where is she?" that, to me, was
16 like, Go get her. Where is she? She should be arrested by
17 now. Like you're really telling them to find me and go get
18 me. I should be arrested.

19 MS. GOVERNSKI: Let's play, Mr. Spalding, 24:59 to
20 25:29.

21 (Audio played)

22 BY MS. GOVERNSKI:

23 Q. Ms. Freeman, what was your reaction to hearing former
24 President Trump tell Mr. Raffensperger that your reputation
25 was devastated?

1 A. My reputation. It, like, took my reputation. It was...

2 What I took out was also all over the Internet.

3 You put me on blast. You just messed up my reputation
4 totally.

5 Q. You mentioned earlier that you were concerned with

6 "Where's Ruby?" online, that people would take that as a cue
7 to come find you?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And did they?

10 A. Yeah. They came. Yeah, they came looking for me.

11 Q. To your home?

12 A. To my home.

13 Q. When was that?

14 A. When did they come to my home? Different ones came to
15 my home around January the 4th.

16 Q. Tell us about that.

17 A. Hmm?

18 Q. Tell us about that.

19 A. I had people start coming to the home with bullhorns.

20 They were looking for me. I was just scared, y'all. It
21 was -- I could have never imagined that happening to anyone,
22 you know, and -- yeah.

23 They was coming to get me, you know, and I just
24 felt this all started with one Tweet. It just all started
25 with that.

1 And now the -- No. 45, the campaign, and
2 Mr. Giuliani just messed me up, you know. They just messed
3 up my name. They messed up my business, you know, and they
4 had my daughter involved.

5 It was just -- it was horrible. It was -- yeah.

6 Q. Ms. Freeman, you testified that people came to your home
7 around January 4th; is that right?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. About how many people?

10 A. I don't know. It was -- it was I would say over ten
11 people that had come to my home.

12 Q. With bullhorns?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Were they carrying anything else?

15 A. They came with bullhorns. They came with flags. And,
16 you know -- yeah, they were coming to get me.

17 Q. And were you at your home?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Why not?

20 A. I had just been advised that I needed to leave my home.

21 And I was like, "Where am I going?" And I said,
22 "Well, when can I come back home?"

23 And they said, "Not until after the inauguration."
24 So I had to leave my home.

25 Q. When you said you were advised and "they," who are you

1 referring to?

2 A. The FBI.

3 Q. And how long did you stay out of your home?

4 A. Two months.

5 Q. Beginning on what date?

6 A. January the 5th. Yes, January the 5th I left home. A
7 girlfriend of mine, she and her husband let me stay at their
8 house. I stayed there for two weeks.

9 Q. And then where did you stay?

10 A. And then I was at different Airbnbs.

11 Q. Did that cost money?

12 A. Yeah.

13 MS. GOVERNSKI: Your Honor, the parties have
14 stipulated that Ms. Freeman incurred \$6,699 related to the
15 temporary housing during the period between January 5, 2021,
16 and March 2021. That stipulation is entered into the
17 exhibit that we have provided into evidence.

18 BY MS. GOVERNSKI:

19 Q. Ms. Freeman, did you make any modifications to your home
20 on Memorial Lane during this period of time when you weren't
21 living there?

22 A. Yes, I had -- I had to get security cameras and motion
23 sensors, yeah.

24 Q. Had you ever in your more than 20 years living at
25 Memorial Lane considered getting security cameras?

1 A. No. No, I never thought about getting security cameras.

2 Q. And did that cost money, Ms. Freeman?

3 A. Yes, that cost money as well.

4 Q. The installation and the monitoring?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Do you still live at Memorial Lane?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Why not?

9 A. I had to move. I moved out because my address is out
10 there, you know. So I couldn't stay at home.

11 I was just too scared, and my neighbors were
12 having to watch out for me. I couldn't -- I was scared to
13 come home at dark, you know.

14 Yeah, I was just scared, so I knew I had to move.

15 Q. When did you move?

16 A. I moved November the 6th, 2022.

17 Q. And did you buy a new home?

18 A. Yes, I had to buy a new home.

19 Q. Did you install security cameras at your new home?

20 A. I have installed new cameras, yes.

21 Q. And did that cost money?

22 A. Yes.

23 MS. GOVERNSKI: Your Honor, the parties have
24 stipulated that Ms. Freeman incurred \$4,635 in connection
25 with installing and maintaining security systems for her

1 former home at Memorial Lane and her current residence.

2 BY MS. GOVERNSKI:

3 Q. Ms. Freeman, when did you list your home on Memorial
4 Lane?

5 A. I didn't list my home until June 2023.

6 Q. Why did you wait that long?

7 A. I didn't know where I was going. I didn't know where I
8 was going, and I had to borrow money from the equity to be
9 able to move and to get -- find somewhere to live, you know,
10 because I didn't have all the money, so...

11 Q. So, Ms. Freeman, you took equity out of your home on
12 Memorial Lane?

13 A. Yes.

14 MS. GOVERNSKI: Your Honor, the parties have
15 stipulated that Ms. Freeman took out \$129,000 -- I'm sorry,
16 \$129,932 in equity from her home on Memorial Lane in October
17 2022.

18 BY MS. GOVERNSKI:

19 Q. Ms. Freeman, did these events cause any complications
20 with you purchasing a new home?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. How so?

23 A. It was hard because I knew I couldn't have a home in my
24 name. Utilities -- you know, nothing could be in my name,
25 so I had to -- I had to get a lawyer, a certain kind of

1 lawyer, to help me so I wouldn't have nothing in my name.

2 And it was just hard.

3 You know, every time I would pass by the cameras
4 in the house, you know, it was just -- even though I didn't
5 hear nothing, I would always catch myself looking in the
6 cameras to make sure nobody was around the house. But,
7 yeah, I couldn't have it in my name.

8 And I would go with a bill, and I'd never had to
9 really have anything but the bill. And I went this one
10 time, and the lady said I needed my ID.

11 And I was like, "No, I don't need my ID."

12 And they was like, "Yes, you do."

13 And it was horrible. I just -- I tried to be
14 calm. I tried to explain to the lady I've never had to do
15 it before. And I can't get my name.

16 And I would leave, and I would go to a different
17 place because I know I didn't have to use my name. I was
18 just oh, so scared. I can't use my name no more. And it's
19 so scary every time I go somewhere, if I have to use my
20 name -- yeah.

21 Q. Ms. Freeman, do you introduce yourself to your new
22 neighbors?

23 A. No. You know, I go and take the trash out and they
24 would be like, you know, "Glad to see you in the
25 neighborhood." They would tell me their name, and I felt

1 just so -- I was like -- I think one lady I didn't even
2 introduce myself because who am I? What am I? What is my
3 name today? Who am I today? What name am I going to use?

4 You know, they sent a welcome letter. You know,
5 they have different stuff going on, karaoke, tennis, you
6 know, different stuff. And it's like, well, I can't go
7 because I can't use my name so I can't participate in
8 nothing.

9 You know, so it's like, yeah, I have -- I have a
10 home, but I can't do nothing. I can't -- I can't say who I
11 am. You know, I'm used to going and meeting somebody, you
12 know, and I have this home store that I go to, and, you
13 know, you see people shopping and saying stuff, and it's
14 like I can't introduce myself no more.

15 You know, and so the home, it's like I miss my old
16 neighborhood because I was me. I could introduce myself.

17 Now I just don't have -- you know, I don't have a
18 name really.

19 Q. Ms. Freeman, I want to go back for a second to January
20 5, 2021, which you testified was the day that you left your
21 home, right?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And that's the day before January 6, 2021?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Does that date have any meaning to you?

1 A. Yes. January 6th was the day that they stormed the
2 Capitol.

3 Q. So they came -- people came to your house --

4 A. Before then, yes. And I remember when I saw it on the
5 television, the January 6th, I remember thinking, you know,
6 that could have been me because of this person, all the
7 stuff going on with the Capitol.

8 And, you know, I felt so bad for the people. No
9 one helping them. You know, the ones that got killed and
10 stuff, I felt so bad for them. I was like, you know, if the
11 FBI hadn't told me to leave, that could have been me because
12 they came to my house, you know.

13 I was just so -- I was just kind of -- I didn't
14 know -- I didn't know if I was mad, hurt, disappointed. I
15 don't know. I just was having a whole bunch of emotions.

16 Q. And at that point you were staying at your friend's
17 home?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. You had mentioned that you only stayed there for a few
20 weeks?

21 A. Yes. I got a phone call, and -- I had two phone calls
22 that day -- one day, and they had advised me that -- they'd
23 say whenever something happens they have to call and make a
24 note. So they had advised me that my name was in this
25 person's wallet on the death list. It was a list of people,

1 and my name was on it.

2 And so then I got a call from somebody else, and
3 they was asking me about the people that came to my house,
4 and my girlfriend's husband, I heard him. He's like, you
5 know, "It's getting too close to home now."

6 So, you know, I was so -- I was just -- I just
7 started packing. I started packing myself.

8 And she was like, "Where are you going?"

9 And I was like, "I don't know." I said, "I
10 don't know where I'm going, but I'm leaving because I don't
11 want -- I don't want your husband to feel like I'm putting
12 you all in jeopardy now, and your life is threatened because
13 of me being here."

14 And she was like, "Where are you going?"

15 I was like, "I don't know." I said, "But if it
16 wasn't dark, I would leave now."

17 So that next morning I remember her fixing me a
18 big breakfast. You know, I felt like a homeless person
19 because, you know, somebody going to feed you and then you
20 got to leave.

21 So she fed me, and then I just left, and I had all
22 my stuff in the car. I couldn't go back home. And I was
23 just mad. I was just mad.

24 Q. I want to break that apart a little, Ms. Freeman, just
25 so I can make sure the record is clear.

1 You said you received phone calls. Who did you
2 receive phone calls from?

3 A. The FBI called, and the other one was from Cobb County
4 Police Department.

5 Q. And your impression of those calls was that you were on
6 a death list?

7 A. Yes. He said that they had arrested somebody, and when
8 they arrested them, that in their wallet or whatever on that
9 person my name was on this list, and there was a death list.
10 And I -- he said whenever anything happened he had to call
11 to let me know.

12 So, yeah.

13 Q. And you left your friend's home after that?

14 A. Yeah.

15 Q. Because you testified you were -- well, can you explain
16 why that prompted you to leave your friend's home again.

17 A. Because, you know, he was saying, you know, "It's
18 getting too close now. This is beginning to affect us," you
19 know, with me being there. And he just felt it was just so
20 ironic that in one day -- you know, nobody called me the
21 whole time, and then one day you had two people calling, and
22 he was not happy.

23 And I -- I didn't -- I couldn't stay there
24 knowing -- I'd rather just stay in my car and just be
25 homeless than to put that on somebody else. So I just -- I

1 just left.

2 Q. How did it feel in that moment when you were in your
3 car?

4 A. Homeless. Because I have a house, and I can't even go
5 there. I don't have nowhere to go. I'm just in my car out
6 on the street.

7 And then I just got -- I just got mad with the
8 people all over again. This man that's done put out this
9 Tweet and done caused all of this -- all of this, all of
10 this, and I'm just emotional. I'm just all over the place.

11 I wasn't going to stay with nobody else. I don't
12 want to be -- I just -- I don't want to put that on nobody,
13 so I would just -- so yeah, and I went to different Airbnbs.

14 Q. Was there anyone for you to turn to?

15 A. No. No. No. No. No. Because people were saying
16 like -- you know, even with friends, you know, they were
17 afraid to be associated with me.

18 Yeah, they -- I talked with one lady. She was a
19 vendor. And I -- she was called the Shoe Lady. She was
20 like, "Girl, we heard all this stuff talking about you."

21 I'm like, "Well, why nobody called? Why did
22 nobody reach out to me?"

23 It's like, "We didn't know if your phone was
24 tapped. We weren't going to be calling you."

25 So then I didn't have nobody.

1 And then, yeah, I -- I notified my church. I was
2 trying to get in touch with them. And finally they called.
3 And I was saying, you know, "Don't look it up now," because
4 you be on the phone and you can tell when somebody's looking
5 up something.

6 I was like, "No. Wait until you get home with
7 Pastor Young. Look it up."

8 And they never called me back. They never called.
9 They never sent no letter. It was around Christmas, so they
10 didn't -- I didn't get -- they didn't -- they just cut me
11 off.

12 But I had to realize that, you know, they had kind
13 of a big congregation, and they didn't want that on them,
14 you know. You know, they just didn't want that on their
15 members.

16 I was just hurt. I was like, Jesus, you know,
17 what is going on? Why? What am I to do? Now that this is
18 happening with me, what am I doing? What am I doing?

19 And yes, so I didn't know. I couldn't turn to
20 Shaye because I knew what she was going through. And my
21 mom, I wouldn't dare. I wouldn't dare go to her. I just
22 said, I'll deal with this by myself.

23 No, I didn't have nobody. People were afraid to
24 be associated with me.

25 Q. You mentioned Ms. Moss. You were here yesterday when

1 she testified, right?

2 A. Yup.

3 Q. How did it feel to hear her tell her story?

4 A. Once again, I was just -- to have to go through that,
5 you know, at a young age, just going through. And I felt so
6 bad for her. I felt so bad for her. And even while she was
7 up here to hear people's remarks, you know, I was just --
8 you know, I am a Christian. I'm like, Fix it, Jesus,
9 because I can't do nothing about this. Fix it, Jesus. And
10 to hear them talking and sniggering and stuff, I was just,
11 Okay. I know you got this, God. I know you got this.

12 So yeah, I felt bad for her because she really
13 loved her job, you know. She loved her job. She would
14 always be there, you know, regardless. She would always be
15 there and leave my grandson at home to work all the time,
16 you know. So I felt bad for her.

17 Q. Ms. Freeman, you talked a little bit about how this all
18 is still impacting your life today. I'm just wondering if
19 you can explain to the jury at all about how this -- the
20 issues -- the events we've discussed impacts you on a daily
21 basis.

22 A. You know, I still have -- I'm on an emotional roller
23 coaster from one day to the next, you know. You know, some
24 days I'm good, and then some days I'm not good.

25 When I heard the alarm was messed up, you know,

1 the -- from the cameras, and it was just beeping, beeping,
2 and I remember going to the -- just trying to find out what
3 it was. It just kept beeping.

4 And then I went to the -- I called the police
5 because I'm like, What's going on? Is somebody outside?
6 You know, it's -- you panic. You have those moments.

7 Still if I'm in the car, I always wear a mask. I
8 always wear a mask and/or sunglasses so -- because I
9 don't -- I'm afraid, you know. I'm afraid of people, you
10 know.

11 And some days I'll just go along, and if it's a
12 really bad day, you know, I'll say, Jesus, you know, I don't
13 like your people today. Not today. Today's not good,
14 Jesus. I don't like them today.

15 And, you know, I just talk, you know, and I
16 tell -- I say -- sometimes I say I'm glad I live alone
17 because I'll just go through the house screaming. You know,
18 it's to keep my sanity. It may not seem like I'm sane right
19 then, but I'll just go through the house screaming. I'll
20 just release. I'll release.

21 Yeah, I'm scared to not be able to do shows
22 anymore, and there's some shows -- like I'm supposed to be
23 doing a show now. But some shows I do, if I'm the only one,
24 for whatever reason.

25 They had my name up because they know me as Lady

1 Ruby, but they don't know -- everybody don't know what's
2 going up, and they'll have my name up and little lanyards
3 with bling around them, you know, to represent me. They're
4 my T-shirts that I don't wear anymore, but they don't know
5 that.

6 And I know this one event I did, and -- that
7 event, and I was so excited because they had my name up, and
8 I was just so excited. And this man came up and said, Are
9 you Lady Ruby:

10 And I'm always like, "Why?"

11 And he said, "Are you the Lady Ruby?"

12 And I walk away, and, you know, I go -- I travel
13 all over the United States to get the latest fashions, and I
14 had to stop going because you have to have your name on your
15 lanyard.

16 I can't go nowhere with my name because they -- so
17 it's like I don't have a life. I don't have a life. I
18 don't have a life. I'm just out here trying to make it
19 happen.

20 But it's sad. It's scary and it's sad.

21 Just a lot of different things happened that --
22 yeah.

23 Q. Do you still operate LaRuby's Unique Treasures?

24 A. No. I had to change the name. I had to change the
25 name, and because I changed the name nobody knows me no

1 more. My brand is gone. You know, I can't say -- I can't
2 advertise, and I can't do pop-up shops with my name. I
3 can't -- different people that really know me, you know.

4 People that come from all over the United States
5 wherever I do shows, they will say -- people will get off
6 the elevator, and they'll say, "Oh" -- because you got your
7 name there, they will say, "Are you Lady Ruby?"

8 And I'm like, "Yeah."

9 It's like, "We were told that we didn't need to
10 bring the luggage," you know, and they would shop.

11 But now, you know, it's like that person is gone
12 no more. I can't just advertise. And when I do a show, I
13 can't -- you know, I can't do Facebook Live no more. I
14 can't -- I can't market to other vendors because I'm the
15 prime vendor. So I have mentees that I teach how to be
16 successful vendors, you know. I can't do that no more.

17 You know, and people will say, "When are we going
18 back on the road again?" And I'll just go by myself. But I
19 go because I can't put nobody else, you know, in harm like
20 that. So I don't have -- I don't have a name no more.

21 And a name is everything. If you don't have
22 nothing else, you have your name. That's the only thing you
23 have in life, is your name. You know, everything else is
24 either bought or whatever.

25 So my life is just messed up. It's just really

1 messed up all because of somebody putting me out there on
2 blast, just Tweeting my name out to their millions of
3 followers, and all of them hate me. Like they just say it,
4 you know, yeah.

5 Q. So are you Lady Ruby still?

6 A. No. I am Lady Ruby, but I can't advertise it, you know
7 what I'm saying? I can't market it. I can't do a show, and
8 I got -- I have shows and there I have -- they'll say, "Send
9 your logo, you know, so we can put on the big screen, you
10 know." I'm the only one that don't have nothing up there
11 because I can't. Because I don't know who's coming in the
12 hotel, who's coming in the conference center, who's going to
13 know.

14 And then I'm the only one in there with a mask
15 on. You know, a lot of people don't wear masks anymore.
16 I'm walking around with a mask on because I can't be
17 recognized.

18 And then there are some shows I can't even do
19 because the ones that do know about it, you know, some of
20 them, they're afraid for me to be around, so I can't even do
21 shows.

22 It's -- I'm just -- I'm kind of lost, y'all,
23 you know. I'm just kind of lost. It's like, What am I
24 doing?

25 But I still know I have purpose. I know I have

1 purpose, and so it's going to be all right.

2 MS. GOVERNSKI: No further questions.

3 THE COURT: Mr. Sibley.

4 MR. SIBLEY: Ms. Freeman, it's nice to finally
5 meet you.

6 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

7 MR. SIBLEY: I don't have any questions for you.

8 THE COURT: Any redirect?

9 MS. GOVERNSKI: No, Your Honor. I just wanted to
10 read into the record a couple of additional stipulations
11 relating to Ms. Freeman.

12 The parties have stipulated that Ms. Freeman
13 incurred \$24,946 in monthly mortgage payments on her former
14 home since relocating on November 6, 2022.

15 The parties have stipulated that Ms. Freeman
16 incurred \$1,198 of utility payments on her former home since
17 relocating on November 6, 2022, through October 2023.

18 And the parties have stipulated that Ms. Freeman
19 incurred \$3,500 in moving expenses.

20 THE COURT: And is that on a document that is
21 admitted into evidence so that it will be presented to the
22 jury in case they didn't write down all those numbers very
23 quickly?

24 MS. GOVERNSKI: Yes, Your Honor, it is.

25 THE COURT: (To the jury) So if you missed some of

1 those numbers, it will be sent back with you during your
2 deliberations.

3 MS. GOVERNSKI: PTX 588.

4 THE COURT: Okay.

5 MS. GOVERNSKI: Thank you, Ms. Freeman.

6 THE COURT: Ms. Freeman, you're excused. You may
7 leave the witness stand.

8 All right. Let me just have a brief conversation
9 with counsel.

10 (The following is a bench conference
11 held outside the hearing of the jury)

12 THE COURT: Okay. So do the plaintiffs have any
13 other witnesses?

14 MR. GOTTLIEB: No, Your Honor.

15 THE COURT: So do you want to rest in front of the
16 jury?

17 MR. GOTTLIEB: Yes.

18 THE COURT: And then -- and then we'll start up
19 tomorrow morning with any defense case.

20 MR. SIBLEY: Yes, Your Honor, and also directed
21 verdict, motions for directed verdict. I'm just going to
22 make them orally.

23 THE COURT: Yeah, but how is that going to work
24 since the claim -- there's this default judgment. You're
25 going to get a defaulted judgment on the damages? Is

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MR. GOTTLIEB: No, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Okay.

(Whereupon the hearing was
concluded at 4:57 p.m.)

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